

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital timepiece comprising:
a face including a display for displaying a digital hour and a message, the digital hour and the message indicative of approximate time;
a digital timekeeping circuit for generating a signal indicative of precise time; and
a conversion unit responsive to the digital timekeeping signal for generating on the display a digital hour and a message, indicative of the approximate time, ~~the approximate time taken over an interval of at least five minutes.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The timepiece of claim 1 further comprising a mode switch for switching modes between the display of the digital hour and the message ~~indicative of approximate time~~ and the display of precise time.

3. (Original) A watch according to claim 1.

4. (Original) A watch according to claim 1.

5. (Newly Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the displayed messages vary more frequently near an hour.

6. (Newly Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the displayed messages vary more frequently near a half hour.

7. (Newly Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the digital hour is displayed in a larger size font than the message.

8. (Newly Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the digital hour is displayed approximately in the center of the display.

9. (Newly Added) The timepiece of claim 1, wherein the displayed message contains words.